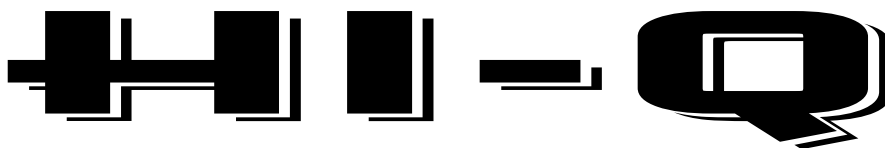




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Guest Speaker

Announcing this month's guest speaker for LARC!

Greg Widin KØGW, former ARRL First Vice President and chair of the *Logbook of the World* Study Committee. Will give a talk about getting started with LOTW, and the do's and don'ts.

Greg is a member of the Stillwater Amateur Association (S.A.R.A.) in Stillwater MN and will be joining us via Zoom on Thursday evening during the regular club meeting.

Be sure to join the monthly ZOOM meeting this Thursday at 7 pm so we can give Greg a warm welcome. Meeting details will be emailed shortly.

Welcome!

To new hams Matt Gawelczyk VE3SAP and Devin Sword VA3FOJ. Don't be shy, jump right in.

La Palma volcanic eruption - Hams on Standby

The Cumbre Vieja volcano on La Palmas in Spain's Canary Islands erupted for the first time in 50 years on Sunday, September 19. The lava flow has triggered the evacuation of 5000 people on the island so far but authorities have deployed all the resources of the Canary Islands Government as well as military support from the mainland to manage the situation.

In order to facilitate communications to and from that area, EMCOM-SPAIN is asking for the Emergency Centre Of Activity frequencies to be kept clear in case the situation gets worse.

The frequencies are as follows: **3.760 MHz, 7.110 MHz, 14.300 MHz, 21.360 MHz**

—via RAC

Your Donations are Needed

Hello fellow amateur enthusiasts

I hope this finds you well and safe and hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Weekend.

As you know VE3YQT has been working, but not at its former glory. We are attempting to get repairs done and are asking for your assistance. Our repeaters have operated open for all to use. In time, repairs must be done and for the most part, our repair crew has been able to acquire or manufacture replacement parts to keep them going. Our tower sites are located at some sites that require professional rigging and climbing crews to do the repairs on the towers. This is where we stand with YQT. CKPR has been a great working partner with the LARC but the good old days of showing up at the site and doing repairs are long gone due to insurance and liability requirements.

We are asking that you consider making a donation that could be directed to the repair cost of getting the new antenna cable installed at the site. This job is costly and required. When this repeater was first installed, the members and non members raised a large sum of money to get this project started. Time, prices and the group have changed and we can't rely on other sources of income to help if we won't help ourselves. There has been a lot of equipment that has been donated through various means that would make these kinds of repairs out of reach in most cases. To those that have been instrumental in acquiring and repairing this equipment, deserve a big thanks for keeping costs down over the years

Please give this request consideration the next time you get on our repeaters as it will benefit us all during a good old ragchew or in time of emergency

Thanks

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ

Technical Support

on behalf of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. . Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to hqnewsletter@gmail.com

Amethyst District ACS

**Providing emergency communications
for Northwestern Ontario**

Emergency Coordinators

Atikokan: Warren Paulson, VE3FYN (ACS DEC, Amethyst District)

Sioux Narrows: Woody Linton, VE3JJA

Fort Frances: Rod Davis, VE3RYD (ACS EC, Fort Frances & area)

Kenora: Chris Bigelow, VA3ECO (ACS EC, Kenora & area)

Dryden: Bob Ernewein., VE3YDN

Thunder Bay: Brad Harris, VE3MXJ (ACS EC, Thunder Bay)

Nets and Exercises

We conduct an open weekly HF net on 80 and 40 metres. The purpose of this net is to monitor regional propagation conditions, share information, and practice net procedures.

Time: Wednesdays at 1700 ET, 1600 CT

Note: 2200Z during standard time 2100Z during daylight saving time

Frequency: Primary 3.675 MHz LSB, Secondary 7.135 MHz LSB

<http://www.ve3rib.ca/nwoACS.html>

REMINDER

NWO ACS will hold an exercise, practicing the passing of voice and digital messages 30 Oct 2021 from 1000 EDT 0900 CDT concluding at 1300 EDT 1200 CDT. Information was emailed out previously but contact Brad VE3MXJ if you were missed.

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600)

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

VE3BGA (Loch Lomond) 147.390, PL Tone 107

442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100

144.390 APRS

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club
Treasurers Report – As of October 7, 2021

Opening Balance June 1, 2021	\$4,714.99
Income	
Membership Dues	\$675.00
Total Income	\$675.00
Expenses	
No expenses	\$ 0
Total expenses	\$ 0
Closing Balance Chequing Account	<u>\$5,389.99</u>
Term Deposit Account	\$2,075.31
TOTAL LARC accounts	\$7,465.30

Trailer Account

Previous Balance	\$1,228.46
Income	
Interest	\$0.00
Total	\$1,228.46
Expenses	
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Balance in Trailer Account	\$1,228.46

R. McAllister VE3WBW
Treasurer



Minutes for the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Date: September 9, 2021 on Zoom

President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding.

Elections instead of Guest Speaker

Treasurer's Report: by Karl Hamilton VE3RRP

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moves to accept the report as printed in Hi-Q. Second: Brad Harris VE3MXJ. Passed Unanimously. (6 members have paid via eTransfer so far)

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moves to accept the previous meeting's minutes as printed in Hi-Q. Eric Todd VE3XET Passed.

Old Business:

No Events due to Covid19

Public Service (Chris Chadwick VA3ZU public events coordinator)

Past Events: none

Upcoming Events: none

CANWARN (John Sacek VA3JMS)

Ontario CANWARN Email: onstorm@canada.ca Submit all sightings to this email.

Nets will be called only in very severe circumstances.

Thunder Bay ACS (formerly known as ARES): Brad Harris VE3MXJ, T. Bay EC

Weekly HF net Wednesdays 5 PM ET 3675KHz

SET 2021 will be Saturday October 30th

Letter received from US Coast Guard/Home Security thanking us for participating in the June exercise

Repeater News: Randy Gottfred VA3OJ, Terry Stewardson VA3LU

10 metre repeater (Will be 29.680 R, 29.580 Tx) working with no tone.

Keep Oct 8th open for YQT

Loch Lomond intermittent problem fixed – was dirty fuse contact.

Club Trailer: Bob Hansen VE3RVA

Door will be put in tarp.

Club Activities Coordinator : Eric Todd VE3XET

Working on ideas

Social Media Coordinator: Stephen Burns VE3SJB

Content is being organized as it comes in.

Awards Coordinator: Leader To Be Determined.

Committee has met and held discussion

Sister Club: Randy VA3OJ, Randy Miller VE7CRX:
No news.

Website:

Workshops on Zoom: Randy McAllister VE3WBW

Workshops will be combined under Eric and Club Activities

LARC YouTube Page: Stephen Burns VE3SJB, Eric Todd VE3XET

Still looking for stills/videos of antennas etc.,

RAC Insurance Announcement: We will be applying for liability only.

Breaker 19 Net: Randy Gottfred VA3OJ

Net has been discontinued

New Business - Annual Election of Officers

Incumbent Board:

President: Randy Gottfred VA3OJ

Vice-President: Bob Hansen VE3RVA

Secretary / Treasurer: Karl Hamilton VE3RRP

Board Member: Ed Baumann VE3SNW

Board Member: Mark Vaillant VA3MVR

Board Member: Mike Skillen VE3EDX

Board Member: John Plumridge VE3FMT

Board Member: Randy McAllister VE3WBW

Elected Board:

President: Eric Todd VE3XET

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Member: Randy Gottfred VA3OJ

Member: Axel Rehfuhs VE3OPF

Member: John Plumridge VE3FMT

Other New Business

RAC Annual meeting is online this year September 19th

Adjournment moved by Randy Gottfred VA3OJ

Next Executive Meeting: October 7, 2021, 7 PM, Zoom

Next LARC Meeting: October 14, 2021, 7 PM, Zoom

WARC Fall Flea Market is a GO !

Hi All

The Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club is holding a "Fall Flea Market" !!!

Sunday, October 17, 2021, at Dakota Community Centre 1188 Dakota Street, Winnipeg, MB

Doors open for EyeBall contacts at 9:30

Admission is \$ 5.00

Vendor Setup will begin at 9:45

Doors open for the flea market at 10:30

Table rentals will be \$20 and will include one admission, additional entries will be extra.

Reserve your table via PayPal...
http://winnipegarc.org/flea_market.html

We will have a 50/50 draw and we will be selling raffle tickets for a draw to be held at our Christmas dinner at the Norwood Hotel on December 14, 2021.

Please Note - All current health restrictions will be observed including the double vaccination requirement, masks are compulsory as well as social distancing and a limit of 175 people being allowed into the gym at a time (currently).

Please watch the website for more information and for table rental information.

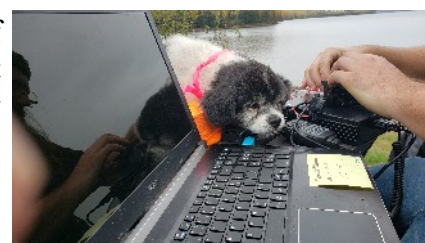
73

Mark Blumm VE4MAB



POTA at Arrow Lake Park

Brad VE3MXJ, Devon VA3FOJ, Barrie VA3BJI and yours truly attended Arrow Lake Provincial Park and activated it for POTA. Our chief operator spent most of the day resting.



Videos of the RAC Conference and AGM are now available

The RAC Canada Conference and Annual General Meeting are now complete. We would like to thank all of the participants, presenters and volunteers for taking part in this year's event.

We hope to see you all next year!

Our volunteers have posted the videos on the RAC YouTube Channel.

We are still working on editing some of the videos but they can be viewed in their raw format and we will replace them when they are ready. We would love to post other videos about Amateur Radio on our YouTube channel so if you have some or know of anyone who does, please contact Alan Griffin, RAC MarCom Director at marcom@rac.ca.

-- RAC Bulletin



Tokyo Ham Fair 2021 is Cancelled

Japan's JARL has announced the cancellation of the world's largest amateur radio event, the Tokyo Ham Fair 2021, which had been planned for October 2-3

JARL says "We were hopeful to have Ham Fair 2021 with possible preventative measures against COVID-19, but another wave of infection came in this Summer. Considering the worse than expected COVID situation, JARL reluctantly decided to cancel Ham Fair 2021. We hope that Tokyo Ham Fair can come back in Year 2022 under safer conditions."

-- 73 de JARL International
—via RAC

Data on Number of Radio Amateurs Worldwide Needs Updating

10/04/2021 The oft-cited figure of 3 million radio amateurs worldwide may need updating. That number was what the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) published in 2000 for the global head count. The IARU once regularly collected amateur radio population statistics, but stopped the practice around the point when the worldwide amateur radio population began to decline.

Data available elsewhere for a few major countries shows a steady decline in radio amateurs since 2000, with the exception of the US, where ham licenses — not necessarily licensees — number some 780,000 to date in 2021. Japan's ham radio population has dropped by more than 600,000 over the past 2 decades; as of 2015, it was 435,581, according to JARL. China boasts more than 174,000 radio amateurs as of 2021. According to 2018 statistics, Thailand has 101,763 hams; the UK has 75,660, and Canada has 70,198.

But, the specific size of the worldwide amateur radio population remains open to speculation, although a 2021 figure of 1.75 million may be closer to the truth. — Thanks to Southgate Amateur Radio News, other sources — via ARRL

Membership Survey on Its Way

The LARC membership survey will arrive in your email inbox soon. Please take a few minutes to tell the club executive what your wants, desires, dreams and aspirations for the club are. This is your opportunity to chart the direction of the LARC.

NEW CALLSIGN PREFIX SETTLES FALKLANDS ISLAND DILEMMA

At long last a new callsign prefix has evolved out of a long-simmering issue over licensed operations in the former Falkland Islands Dependencies. Jim Meachen ZL2BHF brings us that report.

Ofcom, the communications regulator in the UK, has agreed to use of a new prefix for the former Falkland Islands Dependencies, which had been mistakenly omitted from the Falkland Islands Communications Ordinance in 2017. The prefix Victor Papa Zero, VP0, has been assigned to these territories and the Falkland Islands Communications Regulator, which was part of the discussions with Ofcom, is to administer these licenses on behalf of the governments of the British Antarctic Territory and South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands. The prefix will also apply to the British sector of the Antarctic mainland, including the Antarctic Peninsula and nearby islands as well as the South Orkney and South Shetland Islands. This brings welcome news to DXpeditioners and others who have been unable to use VP8 licenses in these former dependencies for years. The new call signs will only be issued with three-letter suffixes.

Hams assigned VP8 call signs under the old Falkland Islands Communications Ordinance will remain valid until the licenses require revalidation. At that time, they will be reassigned a VP0 call sign.

via Amateur Radio Newslines and Jim Meachen ZL2BHF.



October 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 LARC monthly meeting via Zoom @ 1900	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						A simple illustration of a jack-o'-lantern with a carved face, including triangular eyes and a jagged, toothy mouth. It has a short stem on top.